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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
FORT WORTH DIVISION

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THOMAS E. PEREZ, Secretary of Labor,
United States Department of Labor

Plaintiff,

v.

DALLAS-FORT WORTH DOMICILE,
ALLIED PILOTS ASSOCIATION,
14600 Trinity Boulevard, Suite 500
Fort Worth, Texas 76155

and

ALLIED PILOTS ASSOCIATION,
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
14600 Trinity Boulevard, Suite 500
Fort Worth, Texas 76155

Defendants.

Civil Action No. _____

4-14-cv-997-0

ORIGINAL COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, Thomas E. Perez, Secretary of Labor, alleges as follows:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. Plaintiff brings this action under Title IV of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959, 29 U.S.C. §§ 481–484 (the “Act”), for a judgment declaring that the April 1, 2014, election of union officers conducted by the Allied Pilots Association (APA) and its Dallas-Fort Worth Domicile (DFW Domicile), for the offices of DFW Domicile Chairman and DFW Domicile Vice Chairman is void, and directing

Defendants to conduct a new election for the offices of DFW Domicile Chairman and DFW Domicile Vice Chairman under Plaintiff's supervision, and for other appropriate relief.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 482(b), 28 U.S.C. § 1331, and 28 U.S.C. § 1345.
3. Venue lies in this district pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 482(b) and 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b).

PARTIES

4. Plaintiff, Thomas E. Perez, is the duly appointed Secretary of Labor, United States Department of Labor. Plaintiff is authorized to bring this action under section 402(b) of Title IV of the Act, 29 U.S.C. § 482(b).

5. Defendants are, and at all times relevant to this action have been, unincorporated associations residing within the County of Tarrant, Texas, within the jurisdiction of this district.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

6. Defendant DFW Domicile represents itself to be, and at all times relevant to this action has represented itself to be, a local labor organization engaged in an industry affecting commerce within the meaning of sections 3(i), 3(j), and 401(b) of the Act (29 U.S.C. §§ 402(i), 402(j) and 481(b)).

7. Defendant APA is, and at all times relevant to this action has been, a labor organization engaged in an industry affecting commerce within the meaning of sections

3(i), 3(j), and 401(b) of the Act (29 U.S.C. §§ 402(i), 402(j) and 481(b)). If Defendant DFW Domicile is not a separate labor organization from APA, its parent body, APA is the local union that carried out the April 1, 2014, union officer election.

8. Defendants, purporting to act pursuant to their Constitutions and Bylaws, conducted an election of officers on April 1, 2014, and this election was subject to the provisions of Title IV of the Act (29 U.S.C. §§ 481–484).

9. By letter dated April 15, 2014, the complainant, Thomas Westbrook, a member in good standing of Defendants, protested Defendants' election to the Defendant APA's Appeal Board.

10. By email dated June 13, 2014, Defendant APA's Appeal Board denied the protest.

11. Having exhausted the internal remedies available and received a final decision, Westbrook filed a timely complaint with the Secretary of Labor on July 14, 2014, on the first business day after Sunday, July 13, 2014, which was within the one calendar month required under section 402(a)(1) of the Act, 29 U.S.C. § 482(a)(1).

12. By letter signed July 18, 2014, Defendants agreed that the time within which Plaintiff may bring suit with respect to Defendants' aforesaid election be extended to October 31, 2014.

13. By letter signed September 15, 2014, Defendants agreed that the time within which Plaintiff may bring suit with respect to Defendants' aforesaid election be extended to December 5, 2014.

14. By letter signed November 4, 2014, Defendants agreed that the time within

which Plaintiff may bring suit with respect to Defendants' aforesaid election be extended to December 12, 2014.

15. Pursuant to section 601 of the Act (29 U.S.C. § 521), and in accordance with section 402(b) of the Act (29 U.S.C. § 482(b)), Plaintiff investigated the complaint and, as a result of the facts shown by his investigation, found probable cause to believe that: (1) violations of Title IV of the Act (29 U.S.C. §§ 481-484) had occurred in the conduct of Defendants' April 1, 2014 election; and (2) that such violations had not been remedied at the time of the institution of this action.

16. Defendants engaged the services of a contractor, BallotPoint Election Services, owned by CCComplete, headquartered in Portland, Oregon, to conduct the April 1, 2014, election of officers using an internet-based electronic voting system in which voters cast their votes using the internet and telephone.

17. This internet-based electronic voting system permitted the names of voters to be linked with their voting choices. The system stores member identifying information on its servers in a way that could allow individuals with access to both of the servers to identify how a member voted.

18. Such a link is evident because the system permits the union election administrators to remove the votes of voters determined to be ineligible after they have cast their votes and permits members to view the content of their vote after they have cast their votes and even after the election has closed.

19. During the course of the investigation, Plaintiff obtained records from BallotPoint and its subcontractor, Allied Media, located in Fenton, Michigan. Using

these records, which reflected information stored on the system's servers, Plaintiff was able to match the names of 1,310 voters out of 1,382 votes cast to their choice of candidates.

20. The internet voting system also did not permit an observer to effectively observe the election. Observers were able to view reports generated by the software, but observers were not able to verify that the votes were recorded and tallied correctly.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

21. Defendants violated section 401(b) of the Act, 29 U.S.C. § 481(b), during the conduct of the aforesaid election, when Defendants failed to elect the DFW Domicile Chairman and Vice Chairman by secret ballot among the members in good standing when they used an internet-based electronic voting method that permitted voters to be identified with their votes.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

22. Defendants violated section 401(c) of the Act, 29 U.S.C. § 481(c), during the conduct of the aforesaid election, when they failed to provide adequate safeguard to insure a fair election, specifically, by denying a candidate's right to have an observer at the polls and at the counting of the ballots in that the internet-based electronic voting system did not permit an observer to verify that a vote was recorded and tallied accurately.

23. The violations of section 401(b) and 401(c) of the Act (29 U.S.C. § 481(b) and (c)) may have affected the outcome of Defendants' election for the offices of DFW Domicile Chairman and DFW Domicile Vice Chairman.

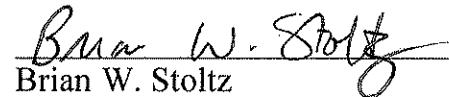
PRAAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment:

- (a) declaring Defendants' election for the offices of DFW Domicile Chairman and DFW Domicile Vice Chairman to be void;
- (b) directing Defendants to conduct a new election for the offices of DFW Domicile Chairman and DFW Domicile Vice Chairman under the supervision of Plaintiff;
- (c) for the costs of this action; and
- (d) for such other relief as may be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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JS 44-TXND (Rev. 12/12)

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

Thomas E. Perez, Secretary of Labor,
United States Department of Labor

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

DEFENDANTS

Dallas-Fort Worth Domicile, Allied Pilots Association

Allied Pilots Association, National Headquarters

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant, Tarrant County
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF
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Attorneys (If Known)

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II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 U.S. Government Defendant	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

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Citizen of This State	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in This State	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Citizen of Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Foreign Nation	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

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<input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits	<input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury	<input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV	<input type="checkbox"/> 490 Securities/Commodities/ Exchange
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REAL PROPERTY	CIVIL RIGHTS	PRISONER PETITIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI	<input type="checkbox"/> 896 Arbitration
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V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

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VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):
29 U.S.C. §§ 481–484, Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959

Brief description of cause:
challenge to balloting procedures used in April 2014 APA DFW Domicile union election

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION
UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P.

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CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:
JURY DEMAND: Yes No

VIII. RELATED PENDING OR CLOSED CASE(S)

(See instructions):

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DATE
12/21/2017

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Brian Stoltz

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